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1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN POLICY SECTION OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM IS VAGUE, NATIONALISTIC, FAIRLY POSITIVE ON CYPRUS, AND
CONSISTENT WITH ECEVIT'S PREVIOUS POSITIONS. PRINCIPAL POINTS: AN
UNDEFINED "NEW CONCEPT" OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO REDUCE RELIANCE
ON NATO AND PARTICULARLY ON US; SPEEDY SOLUTION FOR

CYPRUS ON BASIS OF BIZONAL, INDEPENDENT, NONALIGNED
FEDERATION; PROTECTION OF TURKEY'S RIGHTS IN THE SEAS AND
AIRSPACE; IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EASTERN, MEDITERRANEAN,
BALKAN AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; RESCUE OF TURKISH-EEC
RELATIONS FROM PRESENT IMPASSE; AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
COUNTRIES HAVING TURKIC MINORITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN AFFAIRS OCCUPIED THE LAST SECTION OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PRESENTED TO THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
JUNE 28 BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT. ALL POINTS IN THE SECTION HAD
BEEN FORESHADOWED IN EARLIER SPEECHES BY ECEVIT. THE FOLLOWING
EXTRACTS CONTAIN MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST:

A. DEFENSE

"TURKEY, LOCATED IN THE MOST SENSITIVE REGION OF THE
WORLD, CANNOT KEEP ITS NATIONAL DEFENSE DEPENDENT ON THE
DECISIONS OR INDECISION OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

"TURKEY, WHICH FOR YEARS HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING BEYOND ITS
ECONOMIC MEANS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE SYSTEM OF WHICH IT IS
A MEMBER, HAS RECENTLY BEEN LEFT IN A POSITION IN WHICH IT
ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING FROM ITS ALLIES THE
DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL WHICH IT FEELS ARE NECESSARY,
OR PARTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS IT ALREADY OWNS,
EVEN WITH ITS OWN MONEY.

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"THIS BITTER EXPERIENCE HAS REVEALED THE DRAWBACKS OF
BASING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY ON FOREIGN SOURCES -- AND
PARTICULARLY ON A SINGLE SOURCE -- BEYOND A CERTAIN LIMIT."

"OUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ITS MOST URGENT PROBLEM TO BE
THE FORMULATION BY TURKEY OF A CONCEPT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
SUITABLE FOR TURKEY'S OWN NEEDS AND POTENTIAL. THIS MUST
BE A CONCEPT WHICH IS NOT IN CONTRADICTION WITH OUR ALLIANCE
MEMBERSHIP BUT WHICH GIVES PRIORITY TO TURKEY'S NATIONAL
SECURITY AND BASES OUR INDEPENDENCE ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS....

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC BELIEVES THAT FOREIGN
POLICY CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY.
WITH THIS BELIEF, IT WILL CARRY OUT IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY
THE MEASURES REQUIRED BY THIS, WHILE PUTTING TOGETHER A
CONCEPT OF NATIONAL SECURITY WHICH PROTECTS TURKEY'S DEFENSE
FROM BEING EXCESSIVELY TIED TO FOREIGN SUPPORT AND TO ONE
PARTICULAR SOURCE. BASING ITS RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF
THE REGION ON RECIPROCAL SECURITY AND COMMON BENEFIT, IT WILL
TRY, PARTICULARLY WITH A PEACEFUL FOREIGN POLICY SUCH AS
THIS, TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SECURITY. IT WILL TAKE GREAT

PAINS TO ENSURE THAT ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALLIANCES ARE NOT
A CAUSE OF SUSPICION OR INSECURITY FOR THE COUNTRIES OF
THE REGION. WHETHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ALLIANCES OR
NOR, POLICIES WHICH HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR NATIONAL
INTERESTS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, WILL
NOT BE ADOPTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT."

B. CYPRUS

"THE GOVERNMENT...WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PERPETUATE
THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE CYPRIOT TURKS, WHO REGAINED
THEIR FREEDOM AND SECURITY THROUGH THE 1974 TURKISH PEACE
OPERATION, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS WHICH SPEED THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT NATIONAL COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT IN EVERY
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FIELD AND WHICH ENSURE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-ADMINISTRATION.
WHILE DOING THIS, IT WILL TAKE CARE TO SEE THAT PEACE IN
THE REGION IS STRENGTHENED AND THAT CYPRUS BECOMES A SOURCE
OF SECURITY AND STRENGTH FOR THE ENTIRE REGION AND THE WORLD.
FROM THIS VIEWPOINT, OUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT EVERY
EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO BRING ABOUT A BIZONAL, INDEPENDENT
AND NONALIGNED FEDERAL SOLUTION."

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C. THE AEGEAN DISPUTES.

"THE GOVERNMENT...WILL CONTINUE THE NEW NATIONAL EFFORTS
BEGUN IN 1974 IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY'S RIGHTS IN THE SEAS
AND THE SKIES. IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
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A JUST ORDER FOR ALL HUMANITY IN THE UTILIZATION OF THE
SEAS, THE SKIES, AND OUTER SPACE. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SECURE
AND PROTECT THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND ALL THE SOVEREIGNTY
RIGHTS OF TURKEY ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND IN THE SEAS
IN GENERAL. ON THIS SUBJECT, WITHOUT LOSING TIME, IT WILL
MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS
OF THE AGE."

D. RELATIONS WITH NEARBY COUNTRIES.

"ASIDE FROM ITS FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONS WITHIN THE
ALLIANCES OF WHICH IT IS A MEMBER AND THE COMMUNITIES WITH
WHICH IT HAS ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC WILL BROADEN ITS FRIENDSHIPS AND ITS INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF A
COUNTRY'S INTERNAL ORDER. IN PARTICULAR, IT WILL ESTABLISH
CLOSE RELATIONS, COOPERATION, AND MUTUAL SUPPORT WITH THE
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND WITH COUNTRIES IN THE PROCESS
OF DEVELOPING. TURKEY, WHICH, FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF HISTORY
AND GEOGRAPHY, IS A MIDDLE EASTERN, MEDITERRANEAN, AND
BALKAN COUNTRY, MUST APPRAISE THIS FACT AS A LASTING ELEMENT
WHILE EXPANDING AND DEVELOPING ITS RELATIONS AND DEFINING
ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD....

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL EXERT THE NECESSARY
EFFORTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST, SOUND, AND LASTING

PEACE IN THE REGION, FOR THE FORMATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF SECURITY WHICH WILL LEAVE NO NEED FOR AN ARMS RACE, AND FOR THE ARRIVAL OF A SITUATION IN WHICH REGIONAL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF DISTANT OR LARGE STATES.

".IT WILL SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN MULTIDIMENSIONAL CLOSE AND LASTING COOPERATION
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING STRONG ECONOMIES BASED ON BROADER MARKETS, SPEEDING THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AND PROTECTING THEMSELVES AGAINST EXPLOITATION."

E. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC).

WHILE NOTING THAT "OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EEC NEED REARRANGEMENT SO THAT THEY WILL FUNCTION IN FAVOR OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR ECONOMY," THE PROGRAM CALLS FOR A SOLUTION FOR TURKISH-EEC RELATIONS "WITHOUT LOSING TIME."

F. TURKISH MINORITIES.

A PASSAGE IN THE EDUCATION OF THE PROGRAM STATES: "IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PERPETUATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTHER TONGUES AND CULTURES OF TURKS LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES, (THE GOVERNMENT) WILL FORM FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THOSE COUNTIRES."
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